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## HERMAN'S RECORD WEAK IN KNOCK-OUT LINE

Hasn't Put a Real Classy Man to Sleep in Three Years.  
Victory for Him Might Create Much Scandal.

### Herman's Record for 1904-05-06.

1904.	Rounds.
January 26—Austin Rice, knock out, Hot Springs.....	17
January 29—Jack McClelland, won, Kansas City.....	20
February 10—Clarence Forbes, knock out, Kansas City.....	6
February 18—Abe Attell, lost, Chicago.....	6
June 9—Billy Finucane, draw, Chicago.....	6
September 8—Lew Curley, won, St. Louis.....	8
December 23—Jack Lowry, draw, Hot Springs.....	20
1905.	
February 13—Billy Finucane, won, Hot Springs.....	20
March 13—Dave Sullivan, knock out, Hot Springs.....	9
March 24—Tommy Cody, won, Hot Springs.....	10
April 17—Chester Goodwin, no decision, Philadelphia.....	6
April 24—Young Ernie, no decision, Philadelphia.....	6
April 28—Harry Lewis, no decision, Philadelphia.....	6
May 20—Young Ernie, draw, Baltimore.....	15
August 17—Charles Neary, won, Denver.....	10
September 7—Tommy Mowatt, won, Grand Rapids.....	15
October 20—Young O'Leary, draw, Milwaukee.....	8
December 15—Eddie Hanlon, won, Los Angeles.....	20
1906.	
February 9—Aurelia Herrera, draw, Los Angeles.....	20
May 11—Abe Attell, draw, Los Angeles.....	10
August 10—Benny Yanger, won, Indianapolis.....	10

By THOMAS S. RICE.

While we are being regaled with press agent stories from Tonopah, Nev., telling how Kid Herman expects to knock out Joe Gans in their final battle for the lightweight championship on New Year afternoon it would be well to look at Herman's record in the sleep-producing line. The gentle reader will find that Herman, on past performance, is not as dangerous as they would have us believe.

First, it must be remembered that Gans at 133 pounds on Labor Day, went forty-two rounds with Battling Nelson and won on a foul. The weight was too low for Gans, and how he retained his strength and fought so long with the Dane, who was at just the right number of pounds, is a mystery. Nelson, it will also be borne in mind, had a reputation as a man with a ten-second wallop. In 1905 he had knocked Young Corbett and Jimmy Britt cold in California.

#### Compared With Nelson.

This stamped him as the real thing. Britt, especially, was considered one of the cleverest fighting boxers in the game, a man who could do parlor stunts in the ring, and also hit hard. Corbett is likewise no slouch at boxing and a deadly punch. Nelson put both of them away, but could not hurt Gans enough in forty-two rounds to prevent the negro celebrating that night with his friends, while the Dane was in bed for two or three days.

In other words, Gans demonstrated conclusively that he can protect his body, his admittedly weak point as well as fight back, as was clearly shown in the moving pictures. If Herman can do any more roughing and wind-smashing than the Dane tried to do, he is too tough for the prizefight game and should get a job in the Congo, for the Dane treated Gans worse than Al Herford treats the English language.

Yes, in spite of all this Herman tells us he is going to beat Gans down by attacks on the body. There will be a lot of scandal if he succeeds where Nelson failed.

A cursory examination of Herman's record for the past three years in Tom

Andrews' sporting annual for 1906 does not give him a look-in with Gans if the negro is in good shape, and, banking on a man not being prepared for a battle with a \$20,000 stake, is bad business. The men Herman knocked out in the three years were Austin Rice and Clarence Forbes in 1905, and Dave Sullivan in 1906. Rice is a punishment-eater who has been hammered to pieces by every prominent lightweight in the past decade. Kid Sullivan nearly killed him in eleven rounds in Baltimore last January. Clarence Forbes is a has-been who fights only when he can find a mark or needs the money extra badly. Dave Sullivan was once a good man but has long been all in.

#### Some Things He Didn't Do.

He didn't knock out Tommy Mowatt in fifteen rounds, although Mowatt is an extremely open fighter and easy for any scientific boxer to reach. He couldn't beat Young Ernie in fifteen rounds, although Ernie is in no way considered as one of the great prizefighters. He didn't knock out Harry Lewis in five rounds, and Lewis was beaten by Sullivan in fifteen rounds and got a draw with Tommy Lowe in fifteen rounds. He didn't knock out Eddie Hanlon, who had never been anything but a chopping block, and had been a dead one for a year or so when he met Herman. The best he could do with Aurelia Herrera was a draw in twenty rounds, although the Mexican has been openly accused of having a yellow streak, and he should have wiped out this lack of success before challenging the lightweight king.

#### Gans in a Walk-On Form.

Truly this record of the man who is being touted as a coming champion, does not show that he had any particular right in the first place to even get a battle with Gans, and if the negro loses it will be one of the greatest reversals of form in ring history. Also, it will about kill the game all over the country. Gans says in his letter that he is training hard, has not dissipated, and can easily make the weight. If this is true nothing but an accident could make Herman a winner.

## TOO MANY INDOOR MEETS A MENACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Maxey Long, the world's record holder at the quarter mile, is out with an explanation of why our athletes only last four or five years, giving the reasons as too much indoor running.

Comparing the indoor and outdoor seasons, he finds that the former is fast outstripping its rival, both in the number of meetings held and the size of the entry lists. It is safe to assert that in the period from November 1 to April 1, the athletic meets will average at least one a week. The prizes are better, because the crowds are larger, and the managers can afford to "sweeten" the trophies to a degree seldom equaled by the promoters of summer games. The fact of winter sports every week alone attracts more athletes to the indoor season, because even in form they are able to get in to a race much oftener than during the summer.

#### Short Outdoor Season.

Last summer the athletic season in New York was all out of proportion. During June, July, and August, there was a dearth of meets—not from lack of interest on the part of the athletes, but because few of the clubs ran off games. All the season was crammed in to a short period of time, extending from August 25 to September 23, during which time there was a tremendous boom in the sport.

On account of the great growth in indoor athletics it is practically assured that the Amateur Athletic Union will shortly cause to be placed on its record books a complete list of the best indoor performances at all the standard events. Any indoor record performances in the future will be officially recorded, as are the outdoor marks now.

At the present time there are "indoor records" pretty generally known to all followers of athletic sports, but they are not officially recorded on the A. A. U. books. For instance, Parsons has won the fastest indoor 100-yard hurdle (32.5 seconds); Bonham the fastest 3-mile (14:48.5), and so on, but the books in Mr. Sullivan's office do not contain these marks as official indoor records.

## WOULD MATCH FLINCH WITH BEDWORTH, JR.

John J. O'Keefe Accepts Broad Definition of J. F. Jarvis and Names Terms.

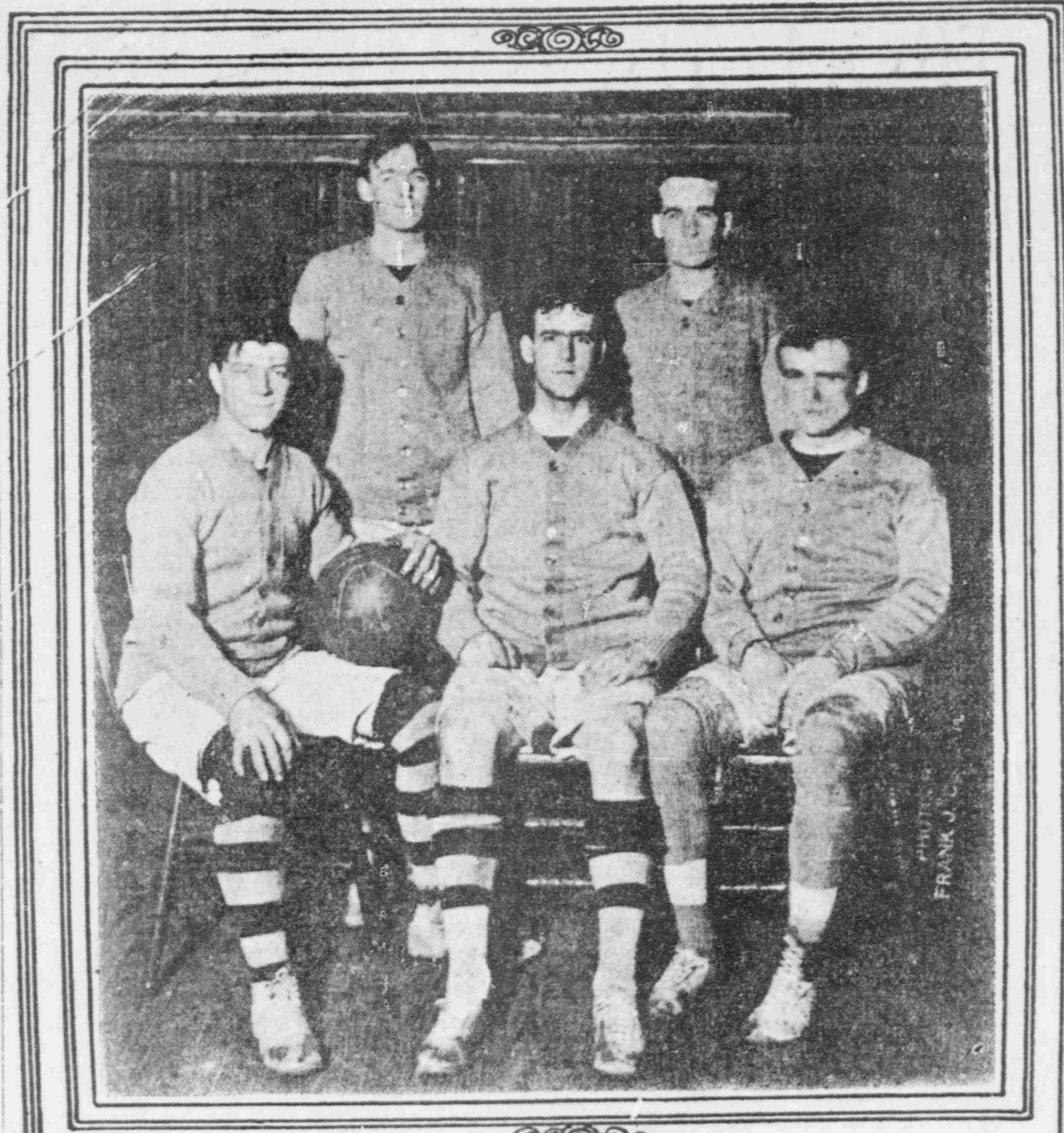
There is a promising prospect of a match race between Washington, D. C., and New York, N. Y., in the near future. It is understood that John J. O'Keefe, owner of the fast pacer, Bedford, Jr., and other speedy horses, made the statement on the speedway on Christmas Day that he had a horse that could beat any other horse owned in the District of Columbia for any amount of money, and requested that his challenge be published in the local papers.

#### O'Keefe's Proposition.

Mr. O'Keefe's proposition is as follows: That he will match his gelding, Flinch, against either Bedford, Jr., 2:06, or Bedford Boy, 2:13, presumably the fastest horses owned by Mr. Jarvis, for a reasonable amount of money, that the race shall be mile or half-mile track, located within 200 miles of Washington, track and weather conditions to be favorable. The losing horse shall pay all expenses of the winning horse from and back to Washington. If the race takes place away from this city.

A movement is under way in the West to organize a college swimming association similar to the one embracing Eastern colleges. Dr. J. E. Raycroft, of the University of Chicago, is the moving spirit in the plan, and the idea is to start with three members—Chicago, Wisconsin, and Washington University of St. Louis. The University of Chicago swimmers were beaten by Yale last spring and want to get even. They believe the best way to encourage and develop swimming is to have plenty of competition, a Western intercollegiate championship to be the chief end in view.

## THE COMMISSIONERS BASKETBALL TEAM



Standing (Left to Right)—Handiboe, Mgr.; Hughes. Seated—Captain Chism, Boyle, Moriarty.

## MILITIA ATHLETES DOWN TO BUSINESS

Forming Fencing and Wrestling Classes and Booming Basketball Games.

### RELAY TEAM AMBITIOUS

Will Enter Fifth Regiment and All Other First-Class Meets Near Washington.

The Athletic Association, National Guard, of the District of Columbia, announces the opening of its gymnasium, Thursday, January 4, 1907, for the new year. Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 to 10 p. m. Basketball games will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 7 to 10:30 p. m., under the direction of Prof. Horan.

Captain Edwards, manager of athletics for the Athletic Association, has given notice of fencing class every Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Instructor Nelson will have wrestling classes every Tuesday and Thursday, from 8 to 10 p. m. Instructor Sergeant Major Lockhead and officers and enlisted men are requested to report to Prof. Nelson, not later than Tuesday, January 8, for fencing class.

All those interested in wrestling should report to Sergeant Lockhead, Thursday, January 4, and he will arrange the men in classes according to weight. There is some excellent material in the Guard, and he hopes to put men in every class at the Carroll Institute meet, in January.

#### Will Hold Wrestling Tourney.

The Athletic Association, National Guard, of the District of Columbia, will hold a wrestling tournament, in February. Company commanders are requested to get the men out, and get up a company rivalry, as men will be paired by companies, as well as without outsiders.

#### Relay Team Active.

The association will be well represented in the Fifth Regiment meet, at Baltimore, on January 12. The relay team, which was so successful last season, when it defeated West Branch Y. M. C. A. twice, and Fifth Regiment, in Baltimore, will again be matched against the Fifth Regiment, of Maryland. It is the intention of the managers to send the relay team to all athletic meets, as it was one of the best in Washington, in 1906.

Capt. L. H. Johnson is to be congratulated on his success in organizing the National Guard Bowling League, and with such able assistants as Captains Edwards, Sayer, and Bean, should be able to hold their own with any league in the District. The athletic board has just purchased a fine felt wrestling mat, 30x16.

## NEW OUTLAW LEAGUE MAY BE THE RESULT

Atlantics Threaten Baseball War If Tri-State Invades Its Territory.

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 29.—At the recent meeting of the Tri-State League, held at Harrisburg, it was decided to ask the National association for protection upon certain conditions, one of which being that the Tri-State be permitted to place clubs at Trenton and Wilmington. When Dr. Levan Van Horn, president of the Chester club, was spoken to regarding the aforesaid, he made the following statement:

"The National association will be as much justified in permitting the Tri-State to enter New York and Philadelphia as to allow them to put clubs in Trenton and Wilmington."

"These two cities belong to the Atlantic League by right of priority in filing applications for them and because the Atlantic League clubs are already organized there and all ready for business."

"The Atlantic League is here to stay, whether a member of the National association or not. All of the different clubs of the league are thoroughly organized, have strong financial backing, have paid in their league dues and begun the signing of players, and I know that if a fight is started against us we are in a position to give blow for blow."

"Chester will have a ball club in the Atlantic League, you can state that as emphatically as possible, and so will Wilmington, Easton, Pottsville and Reading."

"And if we have to run an outlaw league there are also a couple of good cities in the National Association anxious to join us."

#### Case Causes Trouble.

"We must have Wilmington and Trenton in the Atlantic League, Wilmington especially, in order to give the Chester club some good practice work on the National Association will discover that it has bumped up against another bunch of warriors equally as troublesome as the Tri-State ever dared be."

The Atlantic League circuit at present consists of Wilmington, Chester, Pottsville, Reading, Allentown, and Trenton. If the league is successful in getting protection Easton and Elizabeth will be added to the circuit. Failing to get protection, the proposition is to add Newark and Elizabeth to the circuit and play Sunday ball in both places. One of the Atlantic League managers says he has a hunch for the Newark club some good practice work on the National Association will discover that it has bumped up against another bunch of warriors equally as troublesome as the Tri-State ever dared be."

Somebody has started a report that one of the Yale line-men was disqualified in the football game with Princeton, and that had there been time for another Yale would have been disqualified half the distance to her own goal line, instead of having five yards to go to a touchdown. Foster Rockwell, Yale head coach, says regarding the report:

"There is absolutely no truth in the story. No penalty against a Yale man was given. As near as I can learn, the story sprang up because when Rockefeller announced the game was over, Erwin was the only player to hear what he said, and Erwin questioned him about it. When reassured that the game was over, Erwin jumped from the rush line, and ran for the Yale side lines, while the other Yale players made ready for another scrimmage until the referee could finally make them understand that the game was really over."

## HATCHETTES FIND INDOOR QUARTERS

Will Train at Y. M. C. A. for Federal and Other Winter Meets.

### MATCHED WITH VIRGINIA

Relay Race on February 23, But Distance Not Yet Settled—Four Tried Performers.

In anticipation of a hard, close race with the University of Virginia, for the intercollegiate relay championship of the South, at the Federal indoor games in Convention Hall, February 23, the George Washington University track team candidates will begin training tomorrow. It is expected that at least a score of Hatcherite runners will report to Captain Lorando in the Young Men's Christian Association gymnasium, for use of which has been secured for the indoor training season.

Inasmuch as the distance of the race has not yet been settled it is impossible to forecast the chances of the two teams. Last year George Washington won rather handsily at two miles. It was a quartet of strong, fast, and experienced two-milers, while the distance was new to the Virginia athletes, all the Charlottesville runners have been shifted in two weeks from the quarter mile to the half.

#### Has Same Four Men.

The local university has the same four men again this year—Captain Lorando, Fleming, Stivers, and Babcock—and will endeavor to have the race arranged for the longer distance. Hoping to develop a fast bunch of half-milers, the Virginians have had their men do all cross-country stunts during the fall and winter, and it now seems likely that the teams will race at the same distance as last year.

In addition to a strong relay team George Washington will have a well balanced and representative team for all events. With advantageous facilities for indoor training and the prospect of competition in several sets of indoor games, Captain Lorando expects to have out the largest track and field squad in the history of the college. Besides a relay team Virginia will send half a dozen men to the Federal games for the sprints and other open events.

Start Training Wednesday.

All the local school boys will begin regular training for the games on Wednesday of this week. It is probable that all the high schools will be represented by relay teams, either in races open only to first year boys or races for the big teams. A relay race for the grade school championship of the District has also been added to the program.

Any further information in regard to the games may be obtained from Manager W. H. Foley, 721 Eighth street northwest.

When the football team of the North Division High School of Chicago left for the other night for Seattle, where it will play the Seattle High School eleven on New Year Day, among the party was Louis Torre, a one armed boy, open only a line position in several of the North Division games this season and showed up well. Just before the train pulled out of the station in Chicago a sum sufficient to pay Torre's expenses on the long trip was made up. Walter Steffen, the University of Chicago's feet halfback, went with the party as head coach.

## SPEED HANDICAP W. HOPPE DEFIES BILLIARD TRUST

Burlew & O'Neill Put Over Another Hot One Well Backed.

Refuses to Accept Its Dictation in Settling Championship Disputes.

### Ovation for Phil Finch Gives Trophy to Sutton

Old Hero Has Close Shave, Beating Minnie Adams—Garner Careless on Padre.

Proposition Made to Hold Open Tournament to Decide Real Holder of 18.1 Emblem.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—It was a great day's racing. Noisy demonstration greeted the return to scale today of Phil Finch, the popular idol of last winter at the Fair Grounds.

The old hero had the battle of his life, and no one save the judges could say with any certainty whether he had succeeded in poking his nose in the last stride in front of Fred Cook's mare, Minnie Adams, or not. Popular sympathy was enlisted for Phil Finch, because it was believed that he had a good deal the worst of the two riders in Warren as against Nicol.

Burlew & O'Neill, by winning the Speed Handicap with Juggler, added another stake to the many they have already won this season. A good many were of opinion that the firm had about shot its bolt, and that its stable was getting stale, but today's race, and the way the entry was supported in the betting ring, shows that the partners are not yet through annexing the dollars.

#### La Cache Had Backing.

Thirty-three books did a good Saturday business, and for once in a way the public held its own, as three first choices and three well-backed horses won six of the races, and La Cache, in the last, was not allowed to run lower. Gold Proof, in the first race, showed form very different from that which he exhibited last Saturday at City Park.

Garner hardly made his effort soon enough on Padre in the fifth. He seemed to think Shawana would come back to him, and though Padre was going best at the finish, it was a bit too late. After the race Jake Marklein bid Shawana up to \$1,500 and got the mare, so she becomes a stable mate of Padre and Besu Brummel.

Zimmer must have played a good portion of the \$5,000 he is credited with having won on Henry Watterson the other day back on that horse this afternoon as he seemed particularly in earnest in his instructions to Garner. That rider took no chances, but jumped the editor's namesake off in front and raced Floriel all the way, finally winning handsily.

#### New Orleans Summaries:

First race—Selling, for three-year-olds and upward; six furlongs. Gold Proof, 110 (Nicol), 3 to 2, won; Tom Mankins, 107 (J. Martin), 12 to 1, second; J. J. Jones, 100 (Lloyd), 25 to 1, third. Time, 1:14. Oats, Dapple Gold, Cannonball, Martius, Glen Gallant, Woodward, Invasion, Jerry C., Teara, Verdant, and Monte Carlo also ran.

Second race—Purse; for two-year-olds; six furlongs. Morales, 98 (Boden), 11 to 5, won; Chase, 95 (Lloyd), 7 to 1, second; De Oro, 102 (Mountain), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:14.2-5. Gold Circle, Bitter Milk, Electric, Electra, Electra, Electra, Taunt, Fieldwick, King Brush, and Miss Parker also ran.

Third race—Handicap; for three-year-olds and upward; one and one-half miles. Phil Finch, 111 (Warren), 9 to 5, won; Minnie Adams, 112 (Nicol), 13 to 1, second; Peter Sterling, 108 (Hogge), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:46.5. Holloway, James Redick, and Rebounder also ran.

Fourth race—Speed Handicap; for all ages; six furlongs. Juggler, 115 (Nicol), 5 to 1, won; Rusk, 108 (Van Dusen), 20 to 1, second; Chase, 95 (Lloyd), 13 to 1, third. Time, 1:14.2-5. Gold Circle, Bitter Milk, Electric, Electra, Electra, Taunt, Fieldwick, King Brush, and Miss Parker also ran.

Fifth race—Selling, for three-year-olds and upward; one and one-half miles. Shawana, 100 (Lloyd), 3 to 1, won; Padre, 103 (Garner), 13 to 1, second; Flavius, 95 (A. Martin), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:44.5. Drindick, Huntington, Hambley, Brown, Footlights Favorite, Jungle Imp, Dr. Young, Dromio, and Happy Chap also ran.

Sixth race—Selling, for three-year-olds and upward; one mile and seventy yards. Henry Watterson, 110 (Garner), 3 to 2, won; Floriel, 104 (Fertis), 5 to 1, second; Frieda, 100 (Mandere), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:46.5. Holloway, James Redick, and Rebounder also ran.

Seventh race—Selling, for three-year-olds and upward; mile and seventy yards. La Cache, 104 (Plekene), 6 to 1, won; Rusk, 108 (Van Dusen), 20 to 1, second; Erle Lee, 109 (Mountain), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:46.5. Lady Charade, Society, Lady Bazaar, 97 (Fleming), 10 to 1, fourth. Old Hal, Docile, Joe Lesser, Marzita, and Pulque also ran.

#### New Orleans Entries:

First race—Five and one-half furlongs. 101, Dr. 111, John Peter, 111, Tyrohan, 108, Come on Sam, 108, Chieftan, 108, Pretty Doreen, 101, Tichimingo, 101, Favorita, 107, Pochah, 110, Cour de Lion, 113, My Dulcie, 106, The Thrall, 114, Penryn, 106, Plinketer, 105, Lasharon, 112.

Second race—Six and one-half furlongs. 101, Dr. 111, John Peter, 111, Tyrohan, 108, Come on Sam, 108, Chieftan, 108, Pretty Doreen, 101, Tichimingo, 101, Favorita, 107, Pochah, 110, Cour de Lion, 113, My Dulcie, 106, The Thrall, 114, Penryn, 106, Plinketer, 105, Lasharon, 112.

Third race—Handicap. 101, Dr. 111, John Peter, 111, Tyrohan, 108, Come on Sam, 108, Chieftan, 108, Pretty Doreen, 101, Tichimingo, 101, Favorita, 107, Pochah, 110, Cour de Lion, 113, My Dulcie, 106, The Thrall, 114, Penryn, 106, Plinketer, 105, Lasharon, 112.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—William Hoppe, the nineteen-year-old billiard champion of the most difficult game played by the world's most famous experts—eighteen-inch balk line, one shot in—has precipitated a dispute with the powers in the billiard world by announcing the forfeiture of his 18.1 title to George Sutton of Chicago.

Sutton also holds the 18.2 championship. Hoppe declines to play under the auspices of the big billiard manufacturers, and says Sutton is the best in the business, and he is willing to surrender the title to the Chicagoan without a contest. Hoppe claims that the Brunswick Billiard-Collider Company has not used him fairly in paying for exhibitions, etc.

#### Defies the Trust.

Hoppe has called off his matches with Sutton for the 18.1 and 18.2 titles, declares that he will not participate in any tournament, and throws down the gauntlet to the Brunswick Balke-Collider Company, which is recognized as the billiard "trust." He sails next Saturday for Amsterdam, Holland, and will not return to New York before next June or July.

The dispute disarranges all the plans that had been laid for a series of matches to decide the world's championship at the two most difficult styles of game. Hoppe says he will refuse to give up the diamond trophy, the 18.1 championship emblem, to anyone except Sutton. He claims Sutton is the champion by default.

Sutton's right to the 18.1 title is denied by the billiard company, and plans are being discussed for an open 18.1 tournament in February, the winner to be recognized as the champion of the world.

## THINKS AMERICANS WOULD WIN SPRINTS

But Schutt Says English Are Much Better at Cross-Country Running.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Warren E. Schutt, the former Cornell University distance runner and former winner of the intercollegiate championship mile run, is visiting this country for the Christmas holidays, and talks entertainingly of athletic conditions in the English universities as compared with American institutions. Schutt is at present in his second year at Oxford as a holder of a Rhodes scholarship, which he won in the first examination held under the terms of the Cecil Rhodes bequest.

"The possibility of arranging an international track meet or cross-country race between English and American universities has been recently discussed at Oxford and Cambridge, but the conclusion was reached that the trip was expensive attached to it. Should sufficient inducements be offered, however, where the expenses of the English runners might be in part defrayed it is probable that they would consent to come to America."

#### English System Better.

Schutt believes that an American college team would undoubtedly defeat an English team in any international meet held between the two countries, but that, should a cross-country race be held, the Englishmen would certainly be successful. He attributes this superiority to early training. He says:

"When a young English boy is in a preparatory school he starts cross-country work at the age of twelve or thirteen, and when he reaches the university he is in a high state of development. The English system of training, being the same in all parts of the country, enables a man entering one university to continue his training without unlearning many of the ideas he has gained in preparatory school."

"The English cross-country races are far more severe than American ones, the regulation distance being eight miles, and over far rougher ground than that covered by the American runs. No English cross-country runners ever engage in track games, nor do track men discontinue their training when they leave the track. The systems of development of the two styles of running are radically different and irreconcilable. We might profit by the introduction of the English ideas, particularly with respect to early training, both in cross-country running and in rowing."

#### PRO. BASKETBALL NOTES.

The return game between the Commissioners and the Orway A. C. next month ought to be the best yet.

Too much rough work is the cry, but no manager wants to say his team is at fault.

The teams resume play on January 4, when the W. L. I. and E. A. C. clash.

Big Doyle played great ball at center for the Commissioners during the first half of the season.

Willie Handiboe is playing in his best form this season.

Fred Rice is an ardent player at all the games, if he could play he would greatly strengthen the Commissioners. Fred was ill last summer and is still too weak to play.